

## MANY REDUCTIONS IN STAPLE FOODS BY WHOLESALERS

Here is some good news for the ultimate consumer, provided he can get his retailer to pass it on to him.

The past day or so has brought a considerable decline in the prices of a number of staple food articles, particularly in packing-house products. The declines are expected to be followed by others, unless there is a change in certain conditions and indications. They have not been as surprising to the well-informed as might be expected, although the start was a bit slow.

Contributing largely to the rapidity of the declines, once they got started, is the wave of economy which has accompanied the general business reaction. Unusually mild weather has been another factor, while the "buyers' strike" is admittedly quite prominent. But another factor is that the production in the United States has been larger than anticipated, with less outlet for other countries than many thought probable.

Eggs, which are still about the highest item in staple foods, have topped several cents a dozen and on Friday were selling from the wholesaler at 74 to 75 cents a dozen by the case for best quality fresh. In New York, the chief market of the country, prices have dropped sharply, with the chief excuse offered warm weather and larger production. Storage eggs are being sold here at 65 cents a dozen and less.

Cheese has topped and best grade of cream is jobbing here at 26 to 28 cents a pound, with the market unsettled.

Creamery butter is plentiful and selling around 45 to 50 cents for best quality.

Turning to meats, there is much unsettlement in the market with pork hog lard moving at 16 to 15½ cents a pound, a drop of five or six cents within a week, while compound variety is selling at 12 to 12½ cents. Dry salt meat is selling at 15½ to 16½ cents a pound, while the grade of hams are to be had at 25 to 28 cents a pound and picnic hams at 18 to 20. Best grade breakfast bacon is quoted at 42 to 44 cents, with what are known as seconds at 30.

Fruit meats are not so unsettled as the cured, although declines in such have been under way for some time.

In groceries there is not so much change, although refined sugar is to be had at 9 cents a pound and less at the cash retail store, with rice around 4 cents. Cornmeal is selling from the jobber at \$2.20 for 100-pound sacks, with flour rather slow to respond, still being quoted at \$10 to \$12 a barrel.

In vegetable prices are reasonable. Irish potatoes are selling from the jobber at 12 to 13 cents a hundred and onions about the same. Cabbage is going at less than 2 cents a pound. Fancy vegetables continue rather high, but one of the chief reasons is that freight and express rates are so high and receipts are coming in small shipments.

Fruits are not showing much change, but oranges are quotable anywhere from 50 to 60 cents a box, while apples are selling at 35 to 38 for best fruits in barrels.

### DECLINES TO DEBATE.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 17.—Gov. Cornwell declined the invitation issued by Socialist party leaders in New York that he enter into a debate with Seymour Steadman on the subject of conditions in the West Virginia mining fields. The governor gave three reasons for declining, namely, that he is not opposed to union labor or collective bargaining, that he would be too busy with legislative matters in the immediate future and that he is not in favor of unionizing nonunion fields by force.

## MRS. CULVER LAYS CRUTCHES ASIDE

Virginia Beach Woman Freed of Rheumatism and Stomach Trouble by Tanlac Says All Her Troubles Are Gone.

"I've laid my old crutches away, for I don't need them any more since I took Tanlac," said Mrs. B. C. Culver, of Virginia Beach, Va.

"About a year ago I lost my appetite and my stomach got in such a bad condition I couldn't eat anything without suffering terrible pains. I had to give up coffee, fruits and vegetables because they hurt me so much. My liver got out of order. I always had an awful bad taste in my mouth and at times got so dizzy I could hardly stand. I got so weak I couldn't do my housework and finally began having rheumatism in my feet and ankles so I couldn't walk without crutches. I was so nervous I couldn't sleep well, and every day I seemed to feel more tired and worn out than the day before."

"One day some friends told me how Tanlac had helped them and begged me to try it. Well, I got eight bottles and before I had finished the first two I was eating anything I wanted, even fruits and vegetables, without suffering, and when I had finished my third bottle the rheumatism was gone and I had laid my crutches away. All my troubles are gone now, my nerves are perfectly calm and I sleep like a child every night."

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## Wives Aid Men In Fight With Bandits In Big N. Y. Hotel

(By International News Service.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Police hoped today to round up two bandit "pairs" of Lawrence Handberg, 22, of Richmond, Va., who helped him stage the most sensational holdup in weeks by invading the rooms of two men and their wives at the Hotel Astor.

Although covered by revolvers, Owen C. Linthwaite and H. L. Worley, New Jersey suburbanites, began to battle the robbers. Mrs. Linthwaite and Mrs. Worley assisted their husbands in the fight which raged for half an hour, wrecking the room. Not until Mrs. Linthwaite broke a window on the second floor, was attention attracted to the moles.

When police arrived they found the four guests sitting on Handberg, who had been knocked unconscious in his pockets were rings and bracelets snatched from the women. The two thugs who escaped had managed to snatch \$92 from Linthwaite's pocket.

The women were suffering today from kicks and blows delivered by the robbers. Their frocks were torn in the struggle to aid their husbands.

### EPIDEMIC PUZZLES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—An epidemic which American naval doctors have diagnosed as smallpox but which other medical authorities believe to be kafir pox, prevails in Jamaica. Latest reports to the public health service indicate that there were 320 cases of the disease. No quarantine has been imposed. Haitians have claimed that the present epidemic of smallpox on their islands reached there from Jamaica.

## SAYS BUSINESS MEN ARE SCARED, NOT HURT

HOPE, Ark., Dec. 17.—Merchants affected by the present business depression are "more scared than hurt," according to Gov. Elect T. C. McRae, who addressed a recent meeting here of Hope Chamber of Commerce members. The meeting was the first of a series of "pep-motivistic" gatherings intended to restore confidence in business.

Many merchants have suffered losses which must be borne with a grin, said Mr. McRae, adding that the time soon will come when the present flurry will be forgotten. He stressed the value of right living, right thinking and optimism.

### WHITCAPPERS FREED.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Dec. 17.—The whitecapping cases of 11 men charged with whipping Will Tipton, a farmer of the Ryland community, were removed from the docket when the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Will Marcyum, his being a test case.

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